

To: McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa[Mcclain-Vanderpool.Lisa@epa.gov]
From: Peterson, Cynthia
Sent: Wed 8/26/2015 2:28:42 PM
Subject: RE: Media question

Yep.

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From: McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2015 8:27 AM
To: Peterson, Cynthia
Subject: RE: Media question

It was Epoch Times:

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I thought it was AP, but I'm not sure. Let me see if I can find it quickly.

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From: McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa
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Okay – I'll have to figure out which Q&A it was in! I think WSJ?

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From: Peterson, Cynthia

Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2015 8:11 AM

To: McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa

Subject: FW: Media question

Hi, Lisa.

Could you send out a correction to whoever you sent the original information about DRMS's activities at the Gold King Mine. The language below supplied by DRMS is more accurate. When you do, could you copy me?

Thanks!

Cynthia

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From: Kirstin Brown - DNR [<mailto:kirstin.brown@state.co.us>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2015 1:03 PM
To: Peterson, Cynthia
Cc: Bruce Stover - DNR; Steve Renner
Subject: Re: Media question

Here is what is more accurate, below. Thank you for letting us look at it.

**CODRMS conducted limited work at the site in 2008 and 2009 to re-route the
emergent**

**mine drainage off of the top of the waste pile and safeguard the hazardous mine
openings**

as required in the reclamation permit for this site

. This work was performed

under a bond-forfeiture action associated with Permit M-1981-013

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Another note: EPA worked on the Gold King in 2014 also.

Kirstin Brown

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 21, 2015, at 3:46 PM, Peterson, Cynthia <Peterson.Cynthia@epa.gov> wrote:

Kirsten, Thanks for following up on this! Have a great weekend!

Cynthia

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 21, 2015, at 3:38 PM, Kirstin Brown - DNR <kirstin.brown@state.co.us> wrote:

We would like to re-word this to be more accurate. I have to wait until at least Monday until I can finalize this, so I can run it by a couple people.

Thanks Cynthia.

Kirstin Brown

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 21, 2015, at 7:25 AM, Peterson, Cynthia <Peterson.Cynthia@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Kirsten. I really appreciate your help!

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From: Brown - DNR, Kirstin [<mailto:kirstin.brown@state.co.us>]

Sent: Friday, August 21, 2015 7:24 AM

To: Peterson, Cynthia; jeff.graves@state.co.us

Cc: Bruce Stover - DNR

Subject: Re: Media question

Let me run this past Jeff Graves.

Bruce and my other boss Steve are both out of town.

Hopefully get back to you today.

Thanks Cynthia.

Jeff - Does the following information look correct?

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On Thu, Aug 20, 2015 at 3:57 PM, Peterson, Cynthia
<Peterson.Cynthia@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi, Bruce.

I sent this media question to Kirsten earlier today and forgot to copy you. It occurs to me that she may be out in the field, as well.

Could you take a look at the last sentence in our answer to the question below? Is it accurate? If not, could you correct it?

Thanks!

Cynthia

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